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Docket No. 0219KR.043693

In Re Application of:

BAN D. GREEN

Serial No.: 09/805,316

Filed: 03/13/2001

For: **METHOD FOR CREATING DENSE
DRILLING FLUID ADDITIVE AND
COMPOSITION THEREFOR**

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EXAMINER: **Tucker, Philip**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action, which was mailed March 12, 2003. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's Interview conducted July 12, 2003. The following amendments reflect Applicant's understanding of agreement on all claims.

In the Claims

Please amend Claims as shown below. A clean version of the amended claims is also attached.

1. (Thrice Amended) A pelletized dense additive for lost circulation, seepage control, fluid loss and control of lubricity, viscosity and rheology in drilling operations, the additive comprising:

a plurality of comminuted particles formed of base material defining a ground raw base material, the base material being selected from the group consisting of raw organic materials, inorganic materials and combinations thereof, the ground raw base material being compressed and shaped to define a pellet body having a density substantially